charges. The fourth charge was irregularities in his judgments. On the basis of the observations of the High Court, Government decided that he should be degraded. The High Court observed in their judgment, as follows :—

"On the whole my conclusion is that the Magistrate's wrong view of law and gross disregard of the rules of Criminal Procedure Code have resulted in miscarriage of justice".

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : My question is whether, in the allegations of the High Court, there was moral turpitude or not?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, Sir.

MR. PUTHUPPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether he has discharged his duties properly during the last 17 years and whether his promotions are as a result of his subsequent conduct?

PRESIDENT : The promotions themselves indicate that.

Representations against the Director of Registration.

20. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any written representations from any member of the Sri Mulam Assembly regarding the actions of Mr. E. I. Mathew as Registration Director and

(*b*) the action taken by Government on such representations?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is receiving the attention of Government.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know how long it is since the representation has been received by the Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The honourable member himself has sent up the representation. I do not find any date on the representation, but it was received in the Huzur Office on the 17th September 1935.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the Government whether they would pass final orders at least before the retirement of the present Director?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have called for his explanation and I think final orders can be passed before he retires.

Vacancies of Headmasters' places in Vernacular Middle Schools.

21. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of vacancies of Headmasters' places in Vernacular Middle Schools ;

(*b*) whether any vacancies have been filled up recently ; and

(*c*) if so, the principle the Director of Public Instruction adopted in the matter of giving promotion?

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